

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 Feb 59		2. LOCATION S of Sandusky, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 1100Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 6 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE S	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Yellow toward orange speck. Speck grew larger as they drove toward it leaving a decided yellow tail very straight and bright which dispersed in time like the tail stream of a jet. Obj had an upper part much like the top of a sphere, while the lower part was rather level or flat.				11. COMMENTS Description is typical of any obj that is in the sky during the time of day reported. The flight path and duration is typical of a high altitude jet aircraft. It is the opinion of this analyst that the observers probably saw an a/c and the yellow trail --a contrail with sun reflecting from it.	

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
25TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
SELFREDGE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN

25D 24-118

16 February 1959

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Commander
Selfridge Air Force Base
Michigan

1. The attached memorandum dated 4 February 1959 was received from the Detroit Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation.
2. This memorandum is furnished for your information and such action as deemed necessary pursuant to AFR 200-2.
3. No further investigation in this matter is contemplated, and the matter is considered "CLOSED" in the files of this office.

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cc: Dir OSI (ZI) w/Incl

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For and in the absence of
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Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

Director
Aerospace Studies Inst
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MEMORANDUM TO SAC

February 4, 1959

FROM SA COGHLIN

RE: FLYING SAUCER SIGHTING
Information Concerning

Dr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Ann Arbor, Michigan, Director of the English Language Institute and Professor of English, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, advised the writer this date of the following information:

Dr. [REDACTED] and his wife while driving west on the Ohio Turnpike, near Turnpike Exit # 7, at 6:00 PM on February 2, 1959, observed a so called "Flying Saucer". He described it as a yellow toward orange speck on the west horizon when they initially saw it. He said at that time they were amused in that it looked like what they had heard of "Flying Saucers", and they were only mildly interested in determining what it actually was.

The speck of light grew larger as it approached their location or as they drove toward it. The color was quite distinct but at this point it still gave no distinct shape. It headed due south leaving a decided yellow tail, very straight and bright. This tail, Dr. [REDACTED] said, might compare with the appearance of the lining of a cloud in the setting sun. On watching it however, he said, he and his wife determined to their satisfaction it was in fact the tail of the thing. It left a straight tail which dispersed in time like tail stream of a jet.

The thing then lost altitude, described a lowering arch which left a long tail, the tail becoming corrugated, as though fading away. It stopped then leaving a tail streak and there developed a decided separation between the speck of thing and the stream or tail. In the general area of the yellow point, Dr. LADO said they then observed the silhouette of a conventional aircraft going in the opposite direction and descending closer to their position than was the thing. He said they saw no contact between the yellow thing and the aircraft.

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He said the "yellow thing" had an upper part such like the top of a sphere, while the lower part was rather level or flat.

Dr. [REDACTED] stated that he and his wife observed the above circumstances for a full six minutes in a clear sky from about 6:00 to 6:06 PM 2/2/1959. He added that he and his wife had previously scoffed at this sort of thing. He volunteered that both he and his wife are reasonably intelligent persons and are both level headed. He added that both he and his wife are of the conviction they observed a "Flying Saucer".

It is recommended that the above be furnished to the appropriate military agency at Detroit.

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Headquarters Selfridge Air Force Base & 1st Fighter Wing (Air Defense),
Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan

TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson
Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

1. The inclosed UFO report is submitted for your information
and appropriate action in compliance with paragraph 14b, AFR 200-2.

2. The investigation required by paragraph 4b, AFR 200-2
was not conducted by this organization, due to the completeness of
the inclosure.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl:
n/c


P. E. CLANCY
Major, USAF
Administrative Officer